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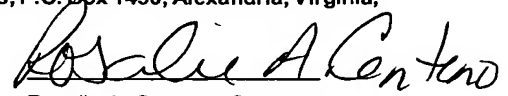
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

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In the Application of Hans-Otto Kock et al

Ser.No.: Not Yet Known (Based on PCT/EP03/03965 filed April 16 2003 and DE 102 17 227.7 filed April 18, 2002)

For: FASTENING ARRANGEMENT, FOR A SAFETY BELT BUCKLE, EQUIPPED FOR MEASURING BELT FORCE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified National Stage PCT application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.